



Northwest Cultural Resources Institute

The Northwest Cultural Resources Institute (NCRI) is a cooperative partnership based at the Vancouver National Historic Reserve, dedicated to facilitating research and educational activities relating to the cultural resources of the area.

The foundations of the NCRI include the archaeological collection, the archaeological resources remaining *in situ*, and the extant historic architecture. These cultural resources form an unparalleled opportunity for researchers, students, and members of the public to study within the fields of archaeology, history, curation and collections management, museum studies, preservation and conservation, and historic architecture.

Through place-based learning and working in the Reserve itself, participants have the opportunity to integrate their research topic with larger physical and social contexts.

The Reserve has been designated as the premier historical archaeological site in the Pacific Northwest. Over 50 years of excavations have resulted in an exceptional artifact collection of two million objects, spanning the



Native American, Hudson's Bay Company, and U.S. Army occupations of the site. The Reserve also includes over 60 historic structures representing various architectural styles, many of which are unique adaptations to the site.

The mission of this vibrant partnership is accomplished through archaeological investigations and field schools, analysis of collections and archives, recording of oral histories, development of digital educational tools, the fostering and publication of research papers, lectures



and demonstrations on related topics, programs that highlight the cultural resources professions, and public outreach.

The heart of the NCRI will be housed in two reconstructed buildings within Fort Vancouver, the Sale Shop and New Store. This footprint will provide space for growing collection storage needs, an expansion of the research library, galleries for rotating museum exhibits, and classrooms for both K-12 curriculum-based learning and support for advanced degree programs.